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VENEZUELA.

Reports from La Guaira—Inspection of vessels—Examination of rats for plague infection—New plague cases in Caracas and sanitary work resumed.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Kellogg reports, July 23 and 31:

Vessels inspected and given bills of health, week ended July 23.

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passengers taken.	Passengers in transit.
July 17	Albanian.....	Galveston.....	37	0	2
18	Manuel Calvo.....	San Juan.....	126	28	155
19	Citta di Milano.....	Colon.....		0	

Rats examined bacteriologically..... 6

Plague rats..... 0

Rats identified:

Mus alexandrinus..... 4

Mus norvegicus..... 2

Total..... 6

July 17, 2 new cases of plague were reported in Caracas and bacteriologically verified. The discovery of these cases caused an immediate resumption of the sanitary work, which had been stopped for a few days.

Vessels inspected and given bills of health, week ended July 31.

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passengers taken.	Passengers in transit.
July 24	Almerian.....	Galveston.....	37	0	1
24	Prins Willem V.....	New York.....	62	12	6

Rats examined bacteriologically..... 14

Plague rats..... 0

Rats identified:

Mus alexandrinus..... 7

Mus norvegicus..... 7

Total..... 14

A case of plague appeared in Caracas, July 31, and was bacteriologically confirmed. This is the first case reported since July 17. It was found in a house adjoining that in which the preceding cases of July 17 occurred. The patient was removed to the pesthouse, and the neighboring houses were immediately disinfected.

The Caracas authorities report the bacteriological examination of 43 rats during the week with negative results.

FOREIGN AND INSULAR STATISTICAL REPORTS OF COUNTRIES AND CITIES—UNTABULATED.

BRAZIL—*Rio de Janeiro*.—Month of March, 1909. Estimated population, 829,268. Total number of deaths, 1,208, corresponding to an annual death rate of 17.4 per 1,000 of population, including enteric fever 8, smallpox 45, measles 5, scarlet fever 1, whooping cough 3, diphtheria 1, plague 1, leprosy 3, and 255 from tuberculosis.